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Title: FORSTERITE GLASS-CERAMICS OF  
HIGH CRYSTALLINITY AND CHROME  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/929,549 filed August 14, 2001 and the benefit of priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 is hereby claimed.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-20 and 33-42.

Please add the following new claim:

43. An optical element comprising: a transparent glass-ceramic containing a crystallinity of at least about 30% by weight of forsterite component at a liquidus